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 TOBACCO SUBSTITUTE - PREPD FROM LOW TEMP  
 CARBONISED. CELLULOSE FOIL CONTG FILLER AND  
 OPT NEUTRAL SALTS..

**NEW**

Low-temp. carbonised cellulose foil, e.g. paper strip, contg. 5-50 wt. % (based on cellulose) inorganic fillers and opt. 1-20 wt. % soluble neutral salts, and having 5-30 (15-25) wt. % degree of degradation and a 1:0.8 to 1:1 C:H<sub>2</sub>O ratio determined by elementary analysis.

**USE**

Tobacco substitute or additive for smoking.

**ADVANTAGES**

Low smoke condensate, e.g. 0.5-3 mg/cigarette at 0.7-1g filler wt., good organoleptic properties, good processing ability.

**DETAILS**

Fillers are esp. Al(OH)<sub>3</sub>, opt. mixed with Fe(OH)<sub>3</sub>, and/or pptd. silicic acid or silica sol. The filler-contg.

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cellulose strip is heated at 150-300°C. Opt. presence of 1-20 wt. % soluble neutral salts, esp. MgAl-, MgFe-on Mn citrate, or NaCl, and/or 1-10 wt. % oxidising agents, esp. K permanganate, MnO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>4</sub> vanadate and/or H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, promote smouldering.

**EXAMPLES**

(a) A paper strip with 44.6 wt. % Al(OH)<sub>3</sub> is heated at 240°C.

Example	Time	Wt. % loss of foil	C:H <sub>2</sub> O	Condensate mg/g
1	1 hr.	14	6:6	3
2	2	25	6:5.7	2.8
3	3	30	6:6	2.1
4	5	39	6:5.2	1.4

All foils were cut easily, (2) could be rolled. (1) formed strong-, (2) less and (3) slight smoke; (2) had weakly cellulosic and (3) no taste nor sharpness, (cf. commercial nicotine-poor cigarette forming 21.1mg condensate).

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